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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Osamu Komuro, et al.

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For: PROCESS CONDITIONS CHANGE MONITORING SYSTEMS THAT USE ELECTRON BEAMS, AND RELATED

MONITORING METHODS

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 7-10 without prejudice to the underlying subject matter.